RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

7. The following three Resolutions were not moved :

RENEWAL OF LICENSES FOR FIRE-ARMS.

1. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : This Council recommends to the Government that the power to renew licenses for the possession and use of fire-arms for the protection of crops be delegated to the Tahsildars.

EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE.

2. MR. A. G. MENON (*Parur*) : This Council recommends to the Government that women, if duly qualified, be given equal chance with men in all the departments of public service in the State.

3. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : This Council recommends to the Government that a committee with a non-official majority be appointed to enquire into the working of the Development Departments, namely, the Agriculture, Industries, Co-operative and Forest Departments, and formulate proposals for their more efficient working.

Resolution re : Repeal of Newspers Regulation.

PRESIDENT : The next Resolution stands in the name of Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai and it runs as follows :

"4. This Council recommends to the Government that the Newspapers Regulation, Regulation V of 1101, be repealed forthwith."

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Sir, I beg permission to move the following resolution :

This Council recommends to the Government that the Newspapers Regulation, Regulation V of 1101, be repealed forthwith.

Sir, I feel it a privilege to be allowed to move this resolution, and at the same time, I cannot but say, while the whole of India is concerning itself with schemes of self-government, broad based on popular rights and privileges, we in this part of the world are obliged to request the Government to repeal a piece of mischievous Regulation which gags the Newspaper Press in Travancore, which has made democracy successful throughut the world. Sir, let me remind you that we are in the year of grace 1928. Travancore has, for many decades, won the approbation of the whole world for its position as one of the most enlightened portion of India. It has been our good fortune to be ruled by successive Sovereigns, whose memory we claim as our heritage, because to them life was a march of events towards political good. That is the reason why the people of Travancore are so loyal to the Royal House. Under these circumstances, Sir, even at the time of His late Highness Sri Mulam Tirunal the military and the Police were in existence and His Highness had the services of eminent lawyers in the country. They did not think of passing a Regulation like this, not because they did not have the power to do so, but because they felt that they had not the legal authority or the necessity to promulgate a reactionary legislative measure consistent with the relations that exist between the Sovereign and the subjects in this particular land. It is a wonder to many of us, Sir, that the Government were obliged to pass such

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